AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0042] on page 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- [0042] The tilting unit 240 includes a rotation shaft 241 and a motor 233 243 as shown in FIGs. 7 and 11. The rotation shaft 241 rotatably supports the sample piece stage 130. The motor 243 produces a power to vertically rotate the rotation shaft 241. Preferably, a stepping motor is used as the motor 243. The tilting unit 240 can vertically rotate the sample piece stage 130 from 0° to 180°, wherein a vertically rotated angle (i.e., tilt angle) is determined by a user manually or automatically. --

